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Mendocino County

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Mendocino Historical Review Board
C/O Planning & Building Dept.
Franklin Street
Fort Bragg CA 95437

Planning & Building Services

MHRB members,

I am speaking as a concern citizens and as a past member of MHRB.

I am requesting you deny the Colin Maxwell project for the following reasons;

The so-all reconstruction of a priority 1 building is not in keeping with the State and Federal guidelines for historic structures, one has to ask why this applicant is not required see a professional organization that can do a feasibility report on what can be realistically saved and how it should be approached?

Carey and Associated did this exact procedure before the Temple of Kwan began it restoration of the building back in 1998. Why is it that this applicant gets to decide what is salvable and not an expert in this field? What is his credentials on preservation of historic structures?

Why do all of the additions have separate front entrances. Looking at the plans gives it the look of separate units that are attached. Is this a guise and that they will be become separate rentals? The overall project is not "in keeping with the character" of the its surrounding block. There is no project on this block of this size. This project in not in "character with the west side of Albion Street." In the last meeting one board member stated he had no objection to dormers on the rebuild because the board has allowed dormers in the district. Where in the surrounding area are there dormers? As I have said in the past when I served on MHRB that people come and go but the buildings stay. It is the community that has to live and look at what is left for generations to come.

MHRB has the right to deny this project because it is not in character with the surrounding neighborhood or the town as a whole. I support a smaller footprint of this project that is in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood.

Thank you for your service.

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